



**Invocation.** *For good food, for good friendship and the privilege to serve we give thanks.*

**Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do.** *Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned?*

*Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

## Derek's Dissertation

Last Last week the Board met prior to our meeting, which was then followed by our A.G.M. in our regular meeting. At the Board meeting we agreed to pay the cost of a 3m<sup>3</sup> skip at a cost of \$330 to Art Central for their clean up and Secretary Vere has notified Mandy Hillson of our decision. At a previous Board meeting the Board had agreed to pay for one R.Y.L.A. participant at a cost of \$1250, and on advice from Rhonnie South, the Board agreed to support a second R.Y.L.A. participant, the camp being held in Murrumbatemn in January next year. Both participants, Leo Cristallo and Amanda Bortolazzo, will attend one of our regular meetings in 2024 to report on their experience.

Fred Power has advised that every time we use our TYRO to make EFTPOS transactions, we incur a surcharge of 2%, so he has requested that we pay our Rotary Subscriptions by personal bank transfer rather than TYRO. (2% of \$25: \$0.5; of \$150: \$3 and \$300: \$6. These amounts soon add up!)

The results of the A.G.M. are elsewhere in this bulletin. In his absence, Allan Veness was nominated again for the position of Vice-President, and has since accepted that role, so thank you Allan. However, we still have two important vacancies, that of President for 2024/25, and Secretary for 2024/25. So again, I ask you all to consider taking on one of these roles to ensure the Club can function effectively. It is possible that we could have two members sharing the President's role, and similarly for the Secretary's Role. Peter Smith has two roles in the current Board, but until he and Sharon return from overseas, we don't know if he wishes to continue.

This week we have our Christmas Party, with the

"Ronnie and Steve Show" running the night. John Spencer has informed M.G.C. that we have 55 attendees, so we should have a great end of year celebration. Apart from LP Duo entertaining us, we welcome four Tertiary Education Scholarship Grant recipients with some guests, 2023 recipient Ava Weymans, and three for 2024: Charlie Fletcher, Tara Whittaker and Bailey Brady. These three come well credentialed, and I for one am keen to hear of their aspirations for the future.

In January, we will have our usual summer BBQs, and so far, Sue & Jeff Proud, and Jan & Steve Young have invited us to their places, and we still have two more to fill. If you would like to host one of these very enjoyable social events, can you please let Secretary Vere, John Spencer or myself know. At our meeting last week, we had suggestions for the showground, using the new kitchen we paid for, and Quarry Park as well. If you have any further ideas, we need to get ourselves organised for them as January is just around the corner. Remember, our first meeting in 2024 at MGC will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January.

Finally, Fran and I would like to wish you all a happy and enjoyable festive season with families and friends and look forward to catching up in January with all your Christmas stories. If you are travelling, take care and travel safely.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*  
**Derek**

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**President Derek's Board.** *Vice President* Allan Veness; *Im-mediate Past President* Shirl Cornish; *Secretary* Vere Gray *Treasurer* Jeff Proud *Director Club Service* Steve Young; *Meal Numbers* Steve Young; *Program* John Gillett; *Bulletin* John Sewell; *Membership* Peter Smith; *Director International* Shirl Cornish; *Director Vocational* Peter Smith; *Director Community Service* Chris Manahan & Steve Picton; *Director Youth Service* Rhonnie South *Rotary Foundation* Phil Armstrong; *Catering Projects* The Armstrongs, *Protection* Col Jay.

**Last Week - the AGM**

It was an AGM which made history—the first time in our 67 years that we had no one willing to become our next year’s President. Some said that they would expect to be Presidents in the future, after more experience. But we have 21 years of experience as President among our members. There would be no shortage of support for any one prepared to volunteer.

- President (2024-25) Vacant**
- President-elect (2025-26) Tony Armstrong**
- Vice President Allan Veness**
- Secretary Vacant**
- Treasurer Jeff Proud**
- Club Service Director Steve Young**
- Community Service Director Vacant**
- International Service Director Shirl Cornish**
- Youth Service Director Rhonnie South and Keith Armstrong**
- Vocational Service Director Vacant**
- Rotary Foundation Director Vacant**
- Membership Director Steve Picton**

- Catering Phil and Keith Armstrong**
- Welfare and Rosters John Spencer**
- Protection Andrew Elek**
- Bulletin John Sewell,**
- Program John Gillett**

**Sue Proud.** For the past six years we have enjoyed the wonderful friendliness and cheerfulness of Sue as she entered into our club activities with drive and initiatives, including her term on the Board as Protection Officer and of course her role in establishing “Friends of Rotary”. Now Sue has decided to turn to other activities and she will be sorely missed. President Derek has written to her, thanking her and assuring her that we would hope to keep in touch.

**Happy Harry on the move to Bombala,** this time driven by Col Jay, with Bronwyn as company



***Twelfth of December Christmas Party***

***With music from the LP Duo***

A special welcome to Ava Weymans who has completed her first year at University and to our three first year scholarship winners

**Birthdays:** Cletus, then on the 22nd the 96th birthday of our founder member Michel—67 years in Moruya Rotary and still going strong .

**Anniversaries:** The Prouds and the Jamiesons

12 December	Christmas Party	
Dec 16 Saturday	Batemans Bay	Christmas Party
<b>Dec 17 Sunday</b>	<b>Narooma Cup</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Jan Young</b>
Jan 2 Tuesday	Meeting	Venue TBA
<b>Jan 8 Monday</b>	<b>Moruya Cup</b>	<b>Ward Hack</b>
Jan 9 Tuesday	Steve & Jan Youg	BBQ
Jan 16 Tuesday	Meeting	Venue TBA
<b>Jan 19 Friday</b>	<b>Afflick Cup</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Jan 23 Tuesday	Sue & Jeff Proud	BBQ
Jan 30 Tuesday	Back to Golf Cub	
<b>Mar 3 Sunday</b>	<b>County Qualifier</b>	<b>TBA</b>

**Plans for January**

There is no meeting next week, but I hope to put out a Bulletin next Sunday which should include: **Rosters** for the Races on January 8 and 19. John Spencer will be working on these and would appreciate your help. The roster for December 17 was circulated by Vere last Wednesday.

**Meetings** There are no hosts for meetings on January 2nd and 16th so we are looking for venues. The 2nd is difficult—both the Showground and Quarry park are likely to be crowded, so unless a new venue can be arranged, we may have to cancel that meeting.